



CENTER SCENE

LIBRARY EMPLOYEE AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Elizabeth Akino Araki, or Aki as her friends call her, was recently recognized in the national publication *Library Journal* for winning a scholarship from the Colorado Library Education Foundation. Aki is a student trainee librarian in the Bureau Library at the Service Center.

The scholarship was awarded as part of Colorado Library Education Month. Colorado Governor Roy Romer and Lynne M. Fox, President of the Board of Directors of the Colorado Library Education Foundation, were on hand for the celebration. The Foundation was honored for its continuing education of the state's librarians.

Aki was awarded the Minority Student Master of Library Science Scholarship, a \$1,000 scholarship that she will use to further her education in the Emporia State Extension Program. Paul Paladino, Director of the Montrose Library District, was awarded the same amount to attend the American Library Association's annual conference.



This photo appeared in the October 1, 1992, issue of Library Journal. Governor Roy Romer (seated) signs the proclamation for Colorado Library Education Month as, from left, Paul Paladino, "Aki" Araki, and Lynne M. Fox look on.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Did you realize that over the last 10 years the participation of Service Center (SC) employees in the Santa Project has helped 214 people, including 50 parents, 113 children, and 51 senior citizens? SC employees have giant hearts when it comes to helping others less fortunate. This year's Project will undoubtedly be even more successful than those in the past.

Though we have not yet received the names of this year's families and senior citizens, preparations are currently underway to get the Project rolling. Collection boxes have been set up in Buildings 40 and 50, and at 390 Union Street, for nonperishable food items. Another silent auction is being planned to raise money for food certificates for our recipients. The auction will be held Wednesday, December 2, 1992, in the Center and West Conference Rooms in Building 50 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations are currently being requested for the auction. Use your imagination — you'd be surprised at the items that bring the biggest contributions! You can donate just about anything: handiwork from your hobbies; baked goods; books; any white elephant you would like to see walking out the door; that gadget your mother gave you 5 years ago that you could never understand the directions for; decorator items that no longer go with your decor; or anything of which you have two or three but need only one. Please bring your donations to the conference room by 8 a.m. on the day of the auction.

Volunteers are also needed to help set up, sit with the items for an hour at a time throughout the day, and decipher the winners at the end of the day. If you can volunteer or if you have any questions, please call Mrs. Santa, a.k.a. Lee Krebs, SC-657, at 969-6535.

PERSONNEL NEWS

New Employees:

Traci Ayon, Library Aid, SC-653
Mary Belter, Cartographer, SC-671
Henry Blum, Jr., Op. Acct., SC-615
Dawn Burkhalter, Voucher Exam., SC-616
Donald Decicco, Cartographer, SC-671
Siobhan Gibson, Emp. Rel. Spec., SC-632
Sabrina Morris, Student Trainee (Computer Spec.), SC-329
Thomas Morris, Comp. Spec., SC-212

Gregory Michaels, Voucher Exam., SC-616
Nancy Pullam, Cartographer, SC-671
Jason Swegle, Student Trainee (Cartographer), SC-671

Separations:

Maura Lloyd, Summer Aid, SC-310
Jack Peterson, Associate SC Director, SC-100
Tracy Resseguie, Proc. Clerk, (OA), SC-651

FEDERAL CENTER GETS A FACELIFT

The General Services Administration (GSA) is implementing several major projects to improve the roads and grounds at the Denver Federal Center (DFC) and to provide a pleasant, healthy landscape for many years to come.

Tree Removal

GSA has implemented a major tree removal effort at the DFC this fall. In October 1991, a rapidly moving cold front descended upon the metro Denver area, plummeting temperatures as much as 30 °F in just a few hours. This cold snap caused the death of an extensive number of trees. The DFC has been particularly hard hit due to the old age of many trees, especially the elms, on the property.

Dead trees must be removed quickly for safety reasons, as well as for preventing disease or insect infestations from spreading to the remaining trees. Quick action now will result in an overall reduction in the use of chemicals to control disease and insects and will result in less damage to the environment. GSA plans to remove approximately 250-300 dead and dying trees in an effort to protect other landscapes and to ensure the safety of the tenants and property. GSA realizes these efforts will have a significant impact on the look and feel of the DFC, but according to Robert Dunn, GSA Buildings Manager, these actions are absolutely necessary and will be best for the environment in the long run.

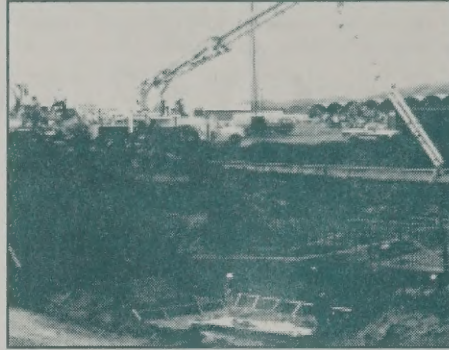
The good news is that GSA has also implemented a long-term plan to enhance and maintain the DFC landscape. To ensure maximum survival of new trees, GSA will start a major replanting program next spring. Under this program, approximately 1,000 trees will be replanted over a 4-year period.

Construction

Have you wondered about all of the construction work going on around the DFC lately? Been curious about what it's going to look like when it's finished?

According to Richard Leek, GSA's Project Manager for the DFC Roads and

Grounds Project, this ambitious undertaking is designed to make the DFC more modern and parklike. GSA is currently in the middle of Phase I of this four-phase project. The focus of Phase I is on adding and modifying roads and improving water drainage systems.



GSA contractors prepare to install a box culvert under 7th street.

One improvement already in place is the just-opened stretch of Center Avenue from 7th Street to 12th Street, which allows access to the DFC from a new gate near the intersection of Union Boulevard and Second Street. Street lights are now being installed and landscaping of the median and roadside will be completed in the near future.

So, does this mean that Gate 4 by the expanded RTD Park and Ride at Fourth and Union will be closed? No, although it is anticipated that the new gate at Second and Union will reduce traffic through Gate 4. What will happen is that Gate 4 and a section of fencing will be relocated eastward (down the hill) to carve out a corner of the DFC for RTD's new parking lot and bus on/off-ramps.

Closer to home, work on 7th Street (now closed), 8th Street, and Carpenter Street (the diagonal road that runs toward Building 810) should be wrapping up in a couple of months. A reinforced-concrete "triple-barrel" box culvert will be installed in the gulch to create a new bridge for cars and pedestrians while still allowing water to flow through the gulch. Concrete wingwalls will minimize erosion around the new box culvert. New electrical and phone lines are also being installed underground.

Perhaps most exciting are the plans for the land immediately south of Building 50 across Main Avenue. Two large detention "ponds" will handle runoff channeled into the gulch by the new Centerwide drainage system during heavy rainstorms. However, these ponds will be dry most of the time. The plan is to create a parklike setting similar to Bicentennial Park just south of Building 40. A new bridge over the gulch at 5th Street will assure easy access for SC employees wanting to take advantage of this new amenity.

Phase I, which is now about 60 percent done, is scheduled for completion in June 1993. Phase II, which will focus on parking lot and street improvements along 5th, 6th, and 7th Streets and will include upgrading some high voltage electrical and lighting services, is scheduled for spring through fall of 1993. Phases III and IV will follow in 1993 and 1994. Road and drainage improvements, new parking lots, and landscape enhancement will be the focus for these efforts.

Federal Employee Health Benefits Open Season

Nov. 9-Dec. 14, 1992

CASU Health Benefits Fair

Nov. 19-20, 1992

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Building 25,
Lecture Halls A & B



**Remember to vote
on November 3rd**